GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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BRINGING BACK SWORD OF CHHATRAPATI SHIVAJI
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made efforts to bring back the 350 years old sword of Maratha warrior Chhatrapati Shivaji to India; and

(b) if so, the details alongwith the current status of the efforts made?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a&b) Government of India is aware of the media reports claiming that the sword of Chhatrapati Shivaji is in the UK. However, the veracity of these reports is not immediately clear.